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REMARKS

Claims 9 and 31-40 are pending in the application. Claims 32-40 are new.
Claims 9, 33, 36, and 39 are independent.

Claims 9 and 31 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,522,075 ("Robinson"). Claim 9 has been amended to include at least one limitation not disclosed by Robinson. Claim 31 depends on claim 9, as amended, and therefore also includes at least one limitation not disclosed by Robinson. Accordingly, the withdrawal of the rejections of claims 9 and 31 is respectfully requested.

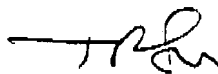
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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections of claims 9 and 31 have been overcome, and that claims 9 and 31-40 are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a Notice of Allowance is therefore requested. Please charge any necessary fees, including extension fees and fees for additional claims, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0221.

Respectfully submitted,

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